

The qualified voters of the city of Baltimore and of the several counties shall, on the Tuesday next after the first Monday in November next, and on the same day in every fourth year thereafter, elect three men to be judges of the Orphans' Court of said city and counties, respectively, who shall be citizens of the State, and resident for the twelve months preceding in the city or county for which they may be elected. They shall have all the powers now vested in the Orphans' Courts of the State, subject to such changes as the Legislature may prescribe. Each of said judges shall be paid a per diem for the time they are actually in session, to be regulated by law, and to be paid by the said city and counties, respectively. In case of a vacancy in the office of judge of the Orphans' Court, the Governor shall appoint, subject to confirmation or rejection by the Senate, some suitable person to fill the same for the residue of the term.

Mr. Brent moved to amend by restricting the Orphans' Court of the power to order sales of real estate, which gave rise to a lengthy discussion.

Mr. Barnes, from the sub-committee appointed to inquire into matters relative to the city of Baltimore made a lengthy report concerning the endorsement of the Union Railroad bonds and the building of a new city hall.*

The Convention then, at 2.10 P. M., adjourned.

SIXTY-FOURTH DAY.

ANNAPOLIS, MONDAY, AUGUST 5.

Convention met at 10½ o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Leech.

The report of the committee upon the elective franchise was taken up on its third reading, and certain amendments reported by the committee on revision and compilation were agreed to, and it was then passed; yeas 63, nay 1—Mr. Perry.

The unfinished business, being the report of the committee on the judiciary, was then taken up, the 38th section, relative to the Orphans' Courts, being under consideration, and the pending question being on the amendment

*For complete report, see page 513.